

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1856, amended, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997; and H.R. 2233, Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1997.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 1787, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Marshall P. Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health oversight hearing on Forest Service Strategic Plan under the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and the following officials of the USDA: James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Francis Pandolsi, Chief of Staff, Forest Service.

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Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 1567, to provide for the designation of additional wilderness lands in the eastern United States; H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center; and H.R. 708 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain lands within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges.

CONFERENCE REPORT—TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference re-

port to accompany H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, and against its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides two hours and thirty minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Rangel.

ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS EXTENSION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and the Conservation Act through September 30, 2002. Testimony was heard from Allan R. Hoffman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Utility Technologies, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND FRANCE—AVIATION RELATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Relations between the U.S. and France. Testimony was heard from Representative Klink; Charles Hunnicut, Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
AUGUST 1, 1997**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine the negative impact of bankruptcy on local education funding, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for July, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.